

RESOLUTION NO. 2015- 1C

**A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL ENACT A CHARTER
AMENDMENT BY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL
OBLIGATION BONDS BY VOTE OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 475.58, subd. 1 (5) authorizes home rule charter cities to issue obligations authorized by law or charter by a majority vote of the City Council without approval of a majority of the electors voting on the matter;

WHEREAS, other home rule charter cities have utilized the authority of Minn. Stat. Sec. 475.58, subd. 1 (5) to issue general obligation bonds for trail and park improvements, community buildings and other public improvements;


WHEREAS, the amendment to the City Charter to authorize use of this statutory authority provides a funding option for the City Council to consider use of on a case-by-case basis in the future along with other funding options authorized by law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHARTER COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON that, based upon the foregoing,


1. The Charter Commission recommends that the City Council adopt an ordinance, approving an amendment to Chapter 7 of the City Charter to add Section 7.17, that authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds without the need to place the matter before the electorate for approval, in substantially the form as Attachment #1.

Passed and adopted this 16th day of July, 2015.

CHARTER COMMISSION FOR
THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON


Chair

ATTEST:


Recording Secretary to the Charter Commission

ORDINANCE NO. 2015- ____

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 OF THE CITY CHARTER
RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

The City Council of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota does hereby ordain:

Section 1. That Chapter 7 of the Bloomington City Charter be hereby amended by deleting those words that are contained in brackets [] and adding those words that are underlined to read as follows:

CHAPTER 7

TAXATION AND FINANCE

Sec. 7.17. ~~[RESERVED.]~~ **General Obligation Bonds.** By a vote of 5 of its members, the council can adopt a resolution to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds that pledge the full faith and credit and taxing powers of the city. The general obligation bonds can be issued on such terms and conditions the council determines, without obtaining the approval of a majority of the electors voting on the question of issuing such general obligation bonds. The city can pledge to the payment of the general obligation bonds any other available revenues or assets of the city. The general obligation bonds can be issued for a public purpose to finance any capital improvement and related costs including, but not limited to, interest on the bonds, the costs of feasibility studies, design, and plans and specifications; publication costs; costs of issuance; and other capital costs of any capital improvement. The general obligation bonds shall not be issued for at least 30 days after the publication in the official newspaper of the city of the council resolution determining to issue such bonds; and, if before the expiration of such 30 days, a petition requesting an election on the proposition to issue such bonds is filed with the city clerk and such petition is signed by registered voters of the city equal to the lesser of 5 percent of the registered voters of the city as of the last general election, or 2,000 registered voters, then the city may not issue such general obligation bonds until the proposition has been approved by a majority of the votes cast on the question at a regular or special election. This Section 7.17 shall not apply to any general obligation bonds proposed to be issued by the city if the principal amount of such bonds, when added to the other outstanding general obligation bonds that constitute net debt of the city, within the meaning of Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.51, as amended (or any successor statute), shall exceed 1 percent of the estimated market value of taxable property in the city as of the date such general obligation bonds are proposed to be issued by the city.

Passed and adopted this ____ day of _____, 2015.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Secretary to the Council

Approved:

City Attorney

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The attached resolution was adopted by the Charter Commission for the City of Bloomington on July 16, 2015.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution, and there were 12 YEAS and 1 NAYS as follows:

CHARTER COMMISSIONERS:	YEA	NAY	OTHER
Rod Axtell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jack Baloga	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Barg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alice Chu	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
James Goodermont	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cynthia Hunt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Branna Lindell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thomas Nelson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Grant Petersen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steven Peterson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Taylor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mark Thorson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dan Wallerus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cary Weatherby	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roger Willette	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

ATTEST:

Recording Secretary
Barbara A. Clawson